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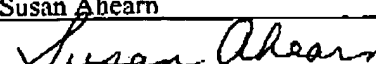
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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are provided before the initial examination of the above-identified patent application. Examination and consideration of the above application in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.